

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given that the Naval Research Advisory Committee Panel on Ship-to-Warfighter Logistics for Small Unit Operations will meet on May 22–23, 1997. The meeting will be held at the Office of Naval Research, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA. The meeting will commence at 8:30 a.m. and terminate at 4:30 p.m. on May 22 and May 23, 1997. All sessions of the meeting will be open to the public.

The purpose of the meeting is to identify future science and technology opportunities, and assess technologies associated with Department of the Navy logistics initiatives in order to resupply forward-deployed Small Unit Operations with food, ammunition, water fuel, batteries, medical supplies, etc., with minimum footprint and exposure time, and maintain communications for a period of several days to several weeks.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MEETING CONTACT: Ms. Diane Mason-Muir, Office of Naval Research, Naval Research Advisory Committee, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217–5660, telephone number: (703) 696–6769.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; SDL, Inc.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to SDL, Inc., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States to practice the Government owned inventions described in U.S. Patent No. 4,763,272 entitled “Automated and Computer Controlled Precision Method of Fused Elongated Optical Fiber Coupler Fabrication,” issued August 9, 1988, U.S. Patent No. 5,121,453 entitled “Polarization Independent Narrow Channel Wavelength Division Multiplexing Fiber Coupler and Method for Producing Same,” issued June 9, 1992, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/538,432 entitled “Method for Tuning Fiber Optic Couplers and Multiplexers” filed August 9, 1995.

Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has 60 days from the date

of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any. Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Naval Research, ONR OCCC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217–5660.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R.J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research, ONR OCCC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217–5660, telephone number (703) 696–4001.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Public Charter Schools Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New and Supplemental Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

Purpose of Program

A major purpose of the Public Charter Schools grant program is to increase understanding of the charter schools model by providing financial assistance for the design and initial implementation of charter schools.

Who May Apply

(a) State educational agencies (SEAs) in States with laws authorizing the establishment of charter schools. The Secretary awards grants to SEAs to enable them to conduct charter schools programs in their States. SEAs use their Public Charter Schools funds to award subgrants to “eligible applicants,” as defined in this notice, for planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools.

(b) Under certain circumstances, an authorized public chartering agency participating in a partnership with a charter school developer. Such a partnership is eligible to receive funding directly from the U.S. Department of Education if—

- (1) The SEA in its State elects not to participate in this competition; or
- (2) The SEA in its State does not have an application approved under this program.

If an SEA’s application is approved in this competition, applications received from non-SEA eligible applicants in that State will be returned to the applicants. In such a case, the eligible applicant should contact the SEA for information related to its subgrant competition.

Current Grantees

In FY 1997, the Department received a substantial increase in its appropriation for this program. As a result, the average size of awards for this competition is expected to be larger than it has been in previous years, and all “high quality” eligible applications are expected to receive some funding. In an effort to bring current grantees up to a comparable level of funding, the Department is also inviting current grantees to apply for supplements to their existing grants by requesting supplemental funds on a noncompetitive basis or by submitting amendments to their approved applications under this competition. A grantee may request either a noncompetitive supplement to its current grant or an amendment to its approved application, or both, depending on the needs of the grantee. The following information and examples are provided to help grantees determine an appropriate course of action.

(a) *Requests for Supplemental Funds:* A current grantee may propose changes to the scope of its charter schools grant by submitting a written request for a supplement to its existing grant. Such request may be submitted to the Department at any time, and will be reviewed by Department staff on a noncompetitive basis. To be assured of consideration, requests for supplemental funds should be submitted to the Department by August 15, 1997. The Department may not have sufficient time in FY 1997 to review and fund requests for supplements submitted after that date.

(b) *Amended Applications:* If a current grantee is seeking additional funding for the purpose of implementing major changes in its charter schools grant that are likely to result in a change in the objectives of the grantee’s approved application, the grantee should submit an amendment to its approved application under this competition. Such amendment should provide a detailed description of the changes the grantee proposes to implement in its charter schools grant that justify the increase being requested. Upon evaluating all proposed amended and new applications, a panel of peer reviewers will make recommendations to the Department regarding the applications that should be funded. If an amended application submitted by a current grantee is not approved for funding, the existing grant will continue as originally approved.

(c) *Examples:* (i) The approved application of a current SEA grantee